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## ***Amendment***

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5587

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL TO MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN  
AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 17b-28 of the 2016 supplement to the general  
4 statutes is amended by adding subsection (k) as follows (*Effective July*  
5 *1, 2016*):

6 (NEW) (k) There is established, within the Council on Medical  
7 Assistance Program Oversight, a standing subcommittee to study and  
8 make recommendations to the council on children and adults who  
9 have complex health care needs. The subcommittee shall consist of  
10 council members appointed by the chairpersons of the council and  
11 other individuals who shall serve for terms prescribed by the  
12 cochairpersons to advise the council on specific needs of children and  
13 adults with complex health care needs. For the purposes of completing

14 the reports required pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this  
15 subsection, such individuals shall include, but need not be limited to:  
16 (1) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee; (2) a family  
17 or child advocate; (3) the executive director of the Council on  
18 Developmental Disabilities, or the executive director's designee; (4) the  
19 executive director of the Connecticut Association of Public School  
20 Superintendents, or the executive director's designee; (5) an expert in  
21 the diagnosis, evaluation, education and treatment of children and  
22 young adults with developmental disabilities; and (6) the Healthcare  
23 Advocate, or the Healthcare Advocate's designee. The subcommittee  
24 shall submit the following reports, in accordance with section 11-4a to  
25 the council, the governor and the joint standing committees of the  
26 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,  
27 human services and public health regarding the efficacy of support  
28 systems for children and young adults, not older than twenty-one  
29 years of age, with developmental disabilities and with or without co-  
30 occurring mental health conditions:

31 (A) Not later than July 1, 2017, recommendations including, but not  
32 limited to: (i) Metrics for evaluating the quality of state-funded  
33 services to such children and young adults that can be utilized by state  
34 agencies that fund such services; (ii) statutory changes needed to  
35 promote effective service delivery for such children and young adults  
36 and their families; and (iii) any other changes needed to address gaps  
37 in services identified by the subcommittee or council with respect to  
38 such children, young adults and their families; and

39 (B) Not later than January 1, 2018, an assessment of: (i) Early  
40 intervention services available to such children and young adults in  
41 this state; (ii) the system of community-based services for such  
42 children and young adults; (iii) the treatment provided by congregate  
43 care settings that are operated privately or by the state and provide  
44 residential supports and services to such children and young adults  
45 and how the quality of care is measured; and (iv) how the state  
46 Department of Education, local boards of education, the Department of  
47 Children and Families, the Department of Developmental Services and

48 other appropriate agencies can work collaboratively to improve  
49 educational, developmental, medical and behavioral health outcomes  
50 for such children and young adults and reduce the number at risk of  
51 entering institutional care. As used in this subsection, "developmental  
52 disability" means a severe, chronic disability of an individual, as  
53 defined in 42 USC 15002, as amended from time to time."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-28